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Sir:

This amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action, mailed November 15, 2001, in connection with the above application. Please enter the following amendments:

In the claims:

For the convenience of the Examiner, all claims being examined, whether or not amended, are presented below.

57. (Twice Amended) A method of stimulating a population of undifferentiated mammalian mesodermally derived cells to undergo hematopoiesis, comprising contacting the cells with an amount of a hedgehog compound effective to stimulate the cells to undergo hematopoiesis, wherein the hedgehog compound comprises a polypeptide sequence at least 80% identical to a sequence selected from SEQ ID NO: 34, SEQ ID NO: 35, SEQ ID NO: 36, SEQ ID NO: 37,